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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC - ITEM 9 - ADOPTION OF OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

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1. SUMMARY: THE REVISED OMNIBUS ECONOMIC RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS ON AUGUST 5 IN FORM TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL. US AND OTHER PRINCIPAL WESTERN DELEGATES MADE STATEMENTS REASSERTING OR RECALLING RESERVATIONS ON EARLIER RESOLUTIONS, DEFENDING INDEPENDENCE OF THE UN SECRETARIAT, CALLING ATTENTION TO RECENT ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, AND EXPRESSING HOPES FOR FUTURE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PARTICULARLY THROUGH CIEC. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE DELIVERED A LONG SPEECH ON BEHALF OF THE G-77 DEFENDING THEIR VIEWS BUT WELCOMING CONSENSUS OUTCOME.  
END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY SPECIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, THE ECOSOC PLENARY ON AUGUST 5 ADOPTED RESOLUTION ON DEVELOPMENT  
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AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH TEXT UNCHANGED

FROM THAT IN REFTTEL EXCEPT FOR MINOR CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:  
IN OP PARA FOUR, LAST LINE SHOULD READ "ACCOMPANIED BY THE  
LACK OF CONCRETE RESULTS SO FAR..." (INSTEAD OF "TOGETHER WITH").  
FINAL VERSION IS THE ONE WHICH WESTERN DELEGATIONS PREFERRED.

3. IN STATEMENT TO PLENARY FOLLOWING ADOPTION, JAPANESE  
DELEGATE STRESSED JAPAN'S ASSISTANCE TO LDCS BUT ADMITTED  
THEIR CONTINUED DISSATISFACTION AND DESIRE TO IMPRESS  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH THEIR NEEDS. WHILE GLAD TO JOIN  
IN CONSENSUS, HE CRITICIZED THE RESOLUTION FOR ITS LACK OF  
PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN ACHIEVEMENTS AND SHORTFALLS AND ITS  
CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES. HE ALSO RECALLED PREVIOUS JAPANESE RESERVATIONS  
ON SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS CITED.

4. US DELEGATE (MYERSON) SPOKE NEXT USING FOLLOWING TEXT:

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THE U.S. DELEGATION JOINS IN THE CONSENSUS ON THIS  
RESOLUTION BECAUSE WE SUPPORT WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE  
ITS CENTRAL THRUST THAT, DESPITE ANY DIFFERENCES IN ASSESS-  
MENT OF THE SITUATION, WE SHOULD ALL MAKE RENEWED,  
VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES AND TO MOVE  
FORWARD NATIONALLY AND IN THE  
VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT AND  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

MY DELEGATION INTERPRETS ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE  
CONSENSUS AS INVOLVING NO INCONSISTENCY WITH STRONG UNITED  
STATES ATTACHMENT TO THE IMPARTIALITY, INTEGRITY, AND OBJECTIVITY  
OF THE SECRETARIAT WHICH I REAFFIRM TODAY. WE HAD NOT  
EXPRESSED ANY CONCERN OVER THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORTS,  
ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT OTHERS DID. MR. PRESIDENT,  
OUR VIEW IS THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE  
LAST SEPTEMBER TOWARD CARRYING OUT THE COMMITMENTS  
UNDERTAKEN AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. WE MAINTAIN  
THAT VIEW. THE CONSENSUS LANGUAGE COVERS MORE THAN THE  
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, AND OUR ACCEPTANCE OF IT SHOULD  
NOT BE INTERPRETED AS INVOLVING ANY CHANGE IN OUR WELL-  
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KNOWN POSITIONS REGARDING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH  
SPECIAL SESSION. THE SAME COMMENT APPLIES WHERE  
APPROPRIATE TO OTHER REFERENCES IN THE RESOLUTION JUST  
ADOPTED. LASTLY, WITH REGARD TO THE CONFERENCE ON  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WE, FOR OUR PART,  
PREFER TO LOOK FORWARD TO OVERCOMING THE DIFFICULTIES  
THAT HAVE EMERGED SO THAT THE GOOD WORK DONE IN THE  
ANALYTICAL PHASE CAN BEAR ITS FRUIT IN CONTRIBUTING TO

CONCRETE AND BALANCED RESULTS IN THE ACTION-ORIENTED PHASE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MY REMARKS COULD BE MADE PART  
OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE COUNCIL.

END TEXT

5. CZECH DELEGATE, SPEAKING FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, STATED  
THEY REGARDED THIS RESOLUTION AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT  
DOCUMENTS OF 61ST SESSION, BUILDING ON PRIOR GA DECLARATIONS  
INCLUDING NIEO AND CERDS. SOCIALIST BLOCK HAD SUPPORTED  
THE ORIGINAL (MORE CRITICAL) G-77 DRAFT AS REFLECTING THEIR  
LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OVER THEIR WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION  
AND DESIRE TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY AND JUSTICE AND RESIST  
EXPLOITATION. CZECH STATED SOCIALIST BLOCK INTERPRETED  
PORTION OF RESOLUTION DEALING WITH CIEC AS CONVEYING VIEWS  
OF A NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES ON AN ACTIVITY BEING CONDUCTED  
OUTSIDE THE UN FRAMEWORK.

6. CANADIAN DELEGATE SUMMARIZED THE PRINCIPAL THEMES OF  
THE RESOLUTION AS DISAPPOINTMENT AND CONCERN OVER POOR RATES  
OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE

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SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS, COMBINED WITH HOPE FOR MORE CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS. ON LATTER SCORE, HE PREDICTED CIEC WOULD PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS AND EXPRESSED HOPE ECOSOC'S ACTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO RESUMPTION OF THAT CONFERENCE'S WORK.

7. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE EMPHASIZED HIS DELEGATION COULD NOT AGREE WITH IMPLICATION THAT THE UN SECRETARIAT MUST BE BOUND ENTIRELY BY GA RESOLUTIONS AND HOPED THAT RESTRUCTURING WOULD STRENGTHEN ITS INDEPENDENCE AND ABILITY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS. WHILE AUSTRALIA INITIALLY HAD NOT ENDORSED ALL OBJECTIVES OF THE IDS, IT REMAINED DEEPLY COMMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE CIEC IN PARTICULAR WOULD RECONVENE IN SEPTEMBER AND CARRY OUT ITS ACTION-ORIENTED PHASE.

8. UK DELEGATE AFFIRMED THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY  
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SHARED CANADA'S VIEWS ON CIEC. ADMITTING THAT DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE POSSIBLE, HE URGED ONLY THAT THE GA BE FORWARD-LOOKING IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSIDER THE START OF WORK ON A PROGRAM FOR THE 1980'S.

9. PAKISTANI DELEGATE, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE G-77, DECLARED THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS THE DOMINANT ISSUE OF OUR TIMES. WHILE REGRETTING THAT FULL VIEWS OF THE G-77 EXPRESSED IN ORIGINAL DRAFT RESOLUTION (GENEVA 5881) HAD NOT BEEN FULLY SUSTAINED, HE INTERPRETED PRESENT TEXT AS SHOWING CONCERN OVER DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS WAS UNIVERSALLY SHARED. WHILE NOT QUESTIONING THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE IMPARTIAL, HE MAINTAINED GENERAL TONE AND THRUST OF DOCUMENTATION DID NOT DO JUSTICE TO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN GA BY CONSENSUS. HE ALSO REASSERTED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SHORTFALLS IN THE IDS, CRITICIZED THEM FOR TARDY IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES SUCH AS THOSE PROMISED AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND CLAIMED THAT NOTHING TANGIBLE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AT UNCTAD OR CIEC.

10. JAMAICAN DELEGATE MADE SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT SUPPORTING G-77 POSITION AND DECLARED IT VITAL THAT ECOSOC SHOULD EXPRESS ITSELF ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES REMAINED,

HE DECLARED FAILURE TO COME TO SOME UNDERSTANDING ON THIS  
RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE HAD DIRE CONSEQUENCES AND EXPRESSED HOPE  
THAT IT WOULD FACILITATE THINKING AND ACTION AT OTHER  
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